IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A communication apparatus comprising:

a controller ~~(800)~~;

an interface ~~(806; 850)~~ adapted to receive an electronic message ~~(852)~~;

a display ~~(300; 836)~~; and

a memory ~~(802; 804)~~, said memory being adapted to store image data representing at least one predefined icon to be presented on said display so as to indicate receipt of said electronic message, ~~characterized in that~~wherein

said memory ~~(802; 804)~~ is adapted to store an association ~~(844, 846)~~ between the or each predefined icon ~~(846)~~ and a sender ~~(844)~~ of electronic messages; and ~~in that~~wherein

said controller ~~(800)~~ is adapted to determine a sender ~~(857)~~ of said received electronic message ~~(852)~~, to match the sender thus determined with the or each predefined icon by way of said association, and to present a matching icon, if any, on said display ~~(300)~~ to indicate receipt of said received electronic message as well as the sender thereof.

2. (Currently Amended) An apparatus as in claim 1, wherein said electronic message ~~(852)~~ is of a type having a control data portion ~~(856)~~ and a message data portion ~~(858)~~, the control data portion including a message sender identity ~~(857)~~, wherein said controller ~~(800)~~ is adapted to determine the sender of said received electronic message from the message sender identity.

3. (Currently Amended) An apparatus as in claim 2, wherein said electronic message is ~~an SMS~~a short message service-message or ~~MMS~~a multimedia message service message.

4. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as in claim 2, wherein said message sender identity is a telephone number for a mobile telecommunications system such as GSM, UMTS, D-AMPS or CDMA2000.

5. (Original) An apparatus as in claim 2, wherein said electronic message is an email message.

6. (Currently Amended) An apparatus as in claim 1, wherein said controller ~~(800)~~ is adapted to simultaneously present a plurality of matching icons ~~(616-617; 716-717)~~ on said display ~~(300)~~ to indicate a corresponding plurality of received messages.

7. (Currently Amended) An apparatus as in claim 1, wherein said controller ~~(800)~~ is adapted to display, for each presented matching icon, a numeric indicator to indicate a current number of unread messages received from a respective sender associated with each presented matching icon.

8. (Currently Amended) An apparatus as in claim 1, wherein said controller ~~(800)~~ is adapted to enhance the presentation of the or each presented icon with a visual effect such as animation, scrolling, morphing, flashing or changing colors.

9. (Currently Amended) An apparatus as in claim 1, further comprising at least one of a phonebook ~~(840)~~, address book or contact book, wherein the association between the or each predefined icon and a sender of electronic messages is stored in an entry ~~(842)~~ in said phonebook, address book or contact book.

10. (Currently Amended) An apparatus as in claim 9, wherein the association comprises a link to an image file, which is stored outside of said phonebook entry ~~(842)~~, address book entry or contact book entry but inside said memory ~~(802, 804)~~, and which contains image data that defines the or each predefined icon.

11. (Currently Amended) An apparatus as in claim 9, wherein the association comprises image data that defines the or each predefined icon and is stored in said phonebook entry ~~(842)~~, address book entry or contact book entry.

12. (Currently Amended) An apparatus as in claim 9, wherein the association further comprises a message sender identity ~~(844)~~ wherein said electronic message ~~(852)~~ is of a type having a control data portion ~~(856)~~ and a message data portion ~~(858)~~, the control data portion including a message sender identity ~~(857)~~, wherein said controller ~~(800)~~ is adapted to determine the sender of said received electronic message from the message sender identity.

13. (Currently Amended) An apparatus as in claim 1, further comprising ~~means~~an element for adding a new icon to said memory ~~(802, 804)~~, and ~~means~~an element for generating in said memory a new association between said new icon and a sender of electronic messages.

14. (Currently Amended) An apparatus as in claim 13, wherein said ~~means~~element for adding a new icon comprises an image editor ~~(860)~~ in said apparatus.

15. (Currently Amended) An apparatus as in claim 13, wherein said ~~means~~element for adding a new icon comprises a communications interface of said communication apparatus.

16. (Currently Amended) An apparatus as in claim 15, wherein said communications interface is at least one of:

a serial interface ~~(810)~~;

a short-range supplementary radio data interface ~~(808)~~;

a ~~WAP~~wireless application protocol compatible interface ~~(870)~~; and

~~an RF~~a radio frequency interface ~~(806)~~ for a mobile telecommunications system.

17. (Currently Amended) An apparatus as in claim 15, wherein said communications interface is the same as said interface ~~(806; 850)~~ adapted to receive an electronic message.

18. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as in claim 1, wherein said communication apparatus is a portable telecommunication apparatus.

19. (Currently Amended) A method of indicating receipt of an electronic message in a communication apparatus ~~(100)~~ having a display ~~(300, 836)~~ and a memory ~~(802, 804)~~, wherein at least one predefined icon ~~(316, 846)~~ is provided in said memory, a received electronic message ~~(852)~~ is matched with the or each predefined icon, and a matching icon ~~(316)~~, if any, is presented on said display ~~(300)~~ to indicate said received electronic message, ~~characterized by the steps of~~ comprising

providing, in said memory ~~(802, 804)~~, an association ~~(844, 846)~~ between the or each predefined icon ~~(846)~~ and a sender ~~(844)~~ of electronic messages;

determining a sender ~~(857)~~ of said received electronic message ~~(852)~~; and

determining a matching icon, if any, through the sender thus determined and said association in said memory.

20. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim 19, wherein said electronic message ~~(852)~~ is of a type having a control data portion ~~(856)~~ and a message data portion ~~(858)~~, the control data portion including a message sender identity ~~(857)~~, wherein the sender of said received electronic message is determined from the message sender identity.

21. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim 20, wherein said electronic message is an ~~SMS~~short message service message or ~~MMS~~multimedia message service message.

22. (Previously Presented) A method as in claim 20, wherein said message sender identity is a telephone number for a mobile telecommunications system.

23. (Original) A method as in claim 20, wherein said electronic message is an email message.

24. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim 19, performed repeatedly for a plurality of received messages, so that a corresponding plurality of matching icons ~~(616-617; 716-717)~~, if any, are presented simultaneously on the display ~~(300)~~.

25. (Previously Presented) A method as in claim 19, performed repeatedly for a plurality of received messages so that only the last received message, irrespective of sender, is indicated by its matching icon, if any, on the display.

26. (Previously Presented) A method as in claim 19, performed repeatedly for a plurality of received messages so that each presented matching icon, if any, is provided with a numeric indicator to indicate the current number of unread messages received from the sender associated with the presented matching icon.

27. (Previously Presented) A method as in claim 19, wherein the presentation of the or each presented icon is enhanced with a visual effect such as animation, scrolling, morphing, flashing or changing colors.

28. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim 19, wherein a default icon is presented on said display ~~(300)~~ to indicate said received electronic message, in case no matching icon has been determined.

29. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim 19, wherein the association between the or each predefined icon and a sender of electronic messages is stored in a phonebook entry ~~(842)~~, address book entry or contact book entry in said memory ~~(802, 804)~~.

30. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim 29, wherein the association comprises a link to an image file, which is stored outside of said phonebook entry ~~(842)~~, address book entry or contact book entry but inside said memory ~~(802, 804)~~, and which contains image data that defines the or each predefined icon.

31. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim 29, wherein the association comprises image data that defines the or each predefined icon and is stored in said phonebook entry ~~(842)~~, address book entry or contact book entry.

32. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim 29, wherein the association further comprises a message sender identity ~~(844)~~ wherein said electronic message ~~(852)~~ is of a type having a control data portion ~~(856)~~ and a message data portion ~~(858)~~, the control data portion including a message sender identity ~~(857)~~, wherein the sender of said received electronic message is determined from the message sender identity.

33. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim 19, comprising the additional steps of adding a new icon to said memory ~~(802, 804)~~, and generating in said memory a new association between said new icon and a sender of electronic messages.

34. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim 33, wherein said ~~step of~~ adding is preceded by ~~a step of~~ generating said new icon locally by way of an image editor in said communication apparatus.

35. (Original) A method as in claim 34, wherein said step of adding is preceded by a step of receiving said new icon through a communications interface of said communication apparatus.

36. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim 35, wherein said communications interface is at least one of:

a serial interface;

a short-range supplementary radio data interface;

a ~~WAP~~wireless application protocol compatible interface; and

~~an RF~~a radio frequency interface for a mobile telecommunications system.

37. (Original) A method as in claim 36, wherein said communications interface is the same as the one through which said electronic message is received.

38. (Previously Presented) A method as in claim 19, wherein said communication apparatus is a portable telecommunication apparatus, such as a mobile terminal for GSM, UMTS, D-AMPS or CDMA2000.

Claims 39 - 47 (Cancelled)